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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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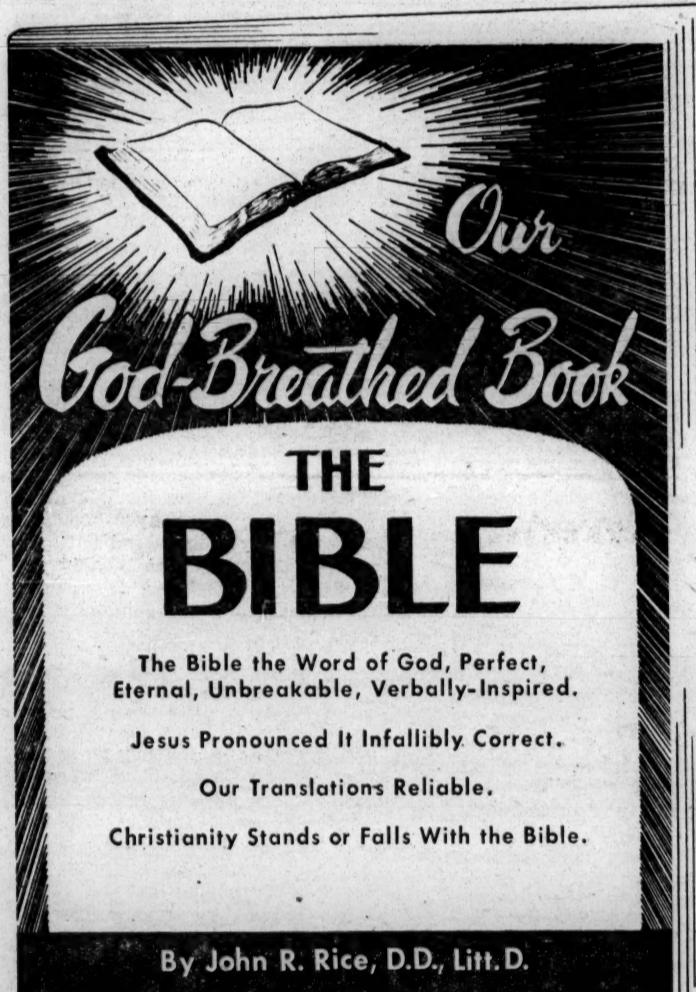
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## THE EDITOR'S Notes

by John R. Rice

Here it is Monday, February 10. Yesterday afternoon I preached at Wilson, North Carolina, in a mass meeting in the Armory, at 2:45. At five minutes after four I left the service continuing. Already many families had pledged themselves to go back to the Bible standards, husbands to lead their families for God, including godly example, family worship, discipline, etc., and wives stood by their husbands to back that decision. Already two men had come to trust Christ during the first two verses of an invitation song. I left my brother, Dr. Bill Rice, to press the invitation while I rushed to the plane at Raleigh-Durham Airport, some 48 miles away. I left at 5:50, had an hour-and-a-half wait in Washington, D. C., arrived in Chicago at 11:00, was home at midnight. Then rest and ready for the office and a day's work beginning at 8:00 this morning. But it is zero weather here!

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## March Is Letter Month!

We Want All Our Friends to Write Us During Letter Month. New Pamphlet, "Our God-Breathed Book—the Bible," Sent Free to All Who Ask for It. Write Your Letter Today. Prizes for Best Letters

By Evangelist Walter E. Handford, Assistant Editor

We are eagerly looking for thousands of letters during March which is Letter Month. Each year we set aside one month as a special month in which we encourage our good friends to write us. In order to continue this important work of faith we must have your letters of encouragement.

We never get to meet most of our friends. Our friendship with you is carried on primarily by mail. Every week you receive THE SWORD OF THE LORD which is our contribution to your home, your spiritual life, to your power in soul winning. Many of our friends

to whom we send THE SWORD OF THE LORD we have never seen. Our only contact is by mail. There is an old saying, "Turn about is fair play." We believe it is only right and fair that our friends should take one special opportunity each year to write and tell us of some blessing received through THE SWORD OF THE LORD. We are looking for your letter.

We teach our children that it is only right and proper to say, "Thank you," when someone does something nice. Simply out of

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### Prize Winner in 1957 Sword Evangelistic Sermon Contest

## The Way of Salvation Made Plain

By Rev. Walter Hughes, M.B.E., B.A.  
Ilderton, Ontario, Canada

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"—Acts 16:30.

It is my intention to emphasize the simplicity which is in Christ. My purpose is to deal with the A, B, C, of the Gospel. We are going to consider some elementary, some kindergarten facts, in relation to salvation. In the simplest possible way we want to tell folk what it means to be saved, to be a child of God.

In Isaiah 35:8 we read, "And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein."

The King's Highway must be a plain and simple way, for it is intended for all kinds of people to tread. It is for the simple as well as the sophisticated; for the foolish as well as the famous. It is God's highway to Heaven for everyone.

We have no need to be unduly apologetic when we preach in plain language. There is no necessity for shame because our sermon is simple. God's Gospel is intended for the great cross section of humanity. It is for all kinds of people. It is meant for every lost son of Adam, and all of Adam's sons are not sanguineous. Many men who are corrupt and need conversion and cleansing are not clever. The folk who can read Greek or Latin are few indeed. Millions of sinners, needing the Saviour, know little or nothing at all about geometry or geography, philosophy or even theology. They may know nothing about these various branches of learning but still be able to lustily sing:

"My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Saviour divine."

All of us—educated or illiterate,

intellectual or unlettered—every knowledge of the ages was His. One of us can unite and sing,

"My Jesus, I love Thee,  
I know Thou art mine."

I am not putting a premium on ignorance and a penalty on intellectualism when I contend that it is possible to be absolutely sure you are saved and on your way to Heaven and not know just what the word *theology* means.

Many are going straight to perdition because of pride. Many are afraid to bend the knee and bow the head for fear they will crack.

But you must bow and bend in God's holy presence or you can never know the joy of sins forgiven and have the assurance that you are on the way to Glory. Being simple does not necessarily mean being a simpleton. It is not crudeness.

"Humble thyself and the Lord will draw near thee,  
Humble thyself and His spirit will cheer thee;  
He will not talk with the proud or the scornful,  
Humble thyself to walk with God."

The Saviour said, "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:3).

Many preachers delight in their depth, and pride themselves on their profundity. Christ never did. He had "glory with the Father before the world was." All the



Dr. Walter Hughes

## Silent Christians

By Alexander MacLaren, D.D., Litt. D.  
(Was pastor Union Chapel, Manchester, England, Died 1910)

"Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household."—II Kings 7:9.

The city of Samaria was closely besieged, and suffering all the horrors of famine. Women were boiling and eating their children, and the most revolting garbage was worth its weight in silver. Four starving lepers, sitting by the gate, plucked up courage from the extremity of their distress, and looking in each other's bloodshot eyes, whispered one to another, with their hoarse voices: "If we say we will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there; and if we sit still here we die also. Now therefore come and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians; if they save us alive we shall live; and if they kill us we shall but die." So in the twilight they stole away.

As they come near the camp there is a strange silence; no guards, no stir. They creep to the first tent and find it empty; and then another, and another, and another, till at last it admits of no doubt that certainly the enemy has gone, leaving all his baggage behind him. So for awhile they feast and plunder—small blame to them! And then conscience wakes, and the same thought occurs to each of them: "This is not patriotic;

this is scarcely human; it is a shame for us to be sitting here gorging ourselves whilst a city is starving within a stone's throw." So they say one to another in words of my text.

Now these men's consciousness of the obligation imposed upon them by the knowledge of glad news, their self-reproach for their silence, their conviction that retribution would fall on them if it continued, and their resolve therefore to clear themselves, may all be transferred to higher regions, and may fairly illustrate Christian responsibilities and duties.

I wish to say one or two very

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**See Letter Month  
BARGAINS  
Inside**

# PREDESTINED for HELL? No!



**10 Chapters on God's Foreknowledge, Predestination and Election Explained From the Scriptures, Correcting the Errors of Hyper-Calvinism, Comforting the Saints, Inviting Sinners**

By Evangelist John R. Rice

## Chapter V

### God's Love, Enlightenment, Enabling and Invitation Reach Every Sinner

Not only did Christ atone for every man's sin. His love reaches all, His Spirit enlightens every heart, His enabling grace goes with His command for all to repent, and in the Bible He clearly invites all to be saved. No one need go to Hell. Provision is made so every sinner can be saved.

#### I. The Loving Heart of God Longs to See All People Saved

What is God's attitude toward sinners? Does He pick and choose among them, so that this one He loves and this one He hates, this one He wants to save and this one He has no concern for? Is that God's attitude toward sinners? Is that the attitude of the Lord Jesus toward sinners? Thank God, we know from the Bible that it is not! God's loving heart has deep concern for every lost sinner and God wants men, all men everywhere, to be saved.

How plainly and how often the Scripture reminds us of this! In II Peter 3:9 we are told, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

God is not willing that any should perish! God wants all to come to repentance.

In I Timothy 2:3, 4, this is stated again. There we are told, "For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

God "will have all men to be saved." God wants all "to come unto the knowledge of the truth," and that, the following verses explain, is why Christ died as a ransom for all.

It was the whole world that "God so loved . . . that he gave his only begotten Son." It was the heart's desire and the holy, loving concern of God that every person in the world should be

saved—not to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Again, that love of God for every person and His concern that all might be saved is expressed in the inspired words of Acts 17:30. There Paul is recorded as speaking to the Athenians as follows, "And the times of this ignorance God winks at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent."

God wants "all men every where to repent."

No one has a right to blame God if he goes to Hell! Any foolish preacher who makes it appear that God is not willing to save some people sins against the Gospel, sins against the loving heart of God, and perverts the Scriptures.

#### II. God Has Given Light and Witness and Holy Spirit Conviction to Every Sinner So That All Could Be Saved

Hyper-Calvinists often say that a sinner cannot repent without the enabling grace of God. That is true, but every sinner does have the enabling grace of God. Every sinner has some light from God. Every sinner has some witness, some conviction from God.

It is true as Jesus said, "A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven" (John 3:27). It is true as Jesus said again, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him . . ." (John 6:44). But those who conclude, therefore, that some people cannot be saved, are mistaken. They forget the

many times we are told that God deals with every sinner, draws every sinner.

When Jesus was lifted up on the cross, He set in motion powers, appeals, and movings of the Holy Spirit which would reach every person ever born. For He Himself said in John 12:32, 33, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die." He was so lifted up on the cross; so He does draw all men unto Him!

The same truth is given in the first chapter of John. Verse 4 says, "In him was life; and the life was the light of men." He was not the light of only some men, but the light of men, of all men.

In verse 7 we are told, "The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe." The plan was "that all men through him might believe."

In verse 9 we are told more positively yet, "That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." Every person who ever came into the world has felt the pull of Christ, felt some light from Christ.

Do you wonder at that? Then remember, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard" (Ps. 19:1-3).

At Lystra Paul and Barnabas told the people who worshipped idols of the living and true God who made all things. They said,

"Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness" (Acts 14:17).

The people at Lystra had a message from God before Paul and Barnabas preached the Gospel to them.

When God calls all men to judgment, as He will, every man will find that he will be held accountable for certain light, certain knowledge, certain invitations which he experienced. In Romans 2:14-16 we are told how those who do not have the Scriptures have the law of God written in their hearts, attested by their conscience, holding them accountable for their continuance in sin and their rejection of Christ.

Read it here:

*"For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another; In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel."*

You see, God has put a witness in the hearts of all men showing that they are sinners. Heathen people who have gone on in sin have sometimes been turned over to their reprobate minds. Yet, without the Scriptures, they still have a conscience which warns them of their sin and their need for God. They still have daily witness that there is a Creator whom they ought to seek. They still have witness that there is some benevolent, loving God who wishes them well.

We have a remarkable example of a heathen man who, without the Scriptures and without preaching, sought God. That man was Cornelius who, according to the tenth chapter of Acts, "feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always" (vs. 2).

This man followed what light he had; he prayed to God, he gave to the poor, he tried to do right. Such a poor sinner who followed what light he had must be given more light. So God sent an angel to tell him where he could find Peter who would tell him words "whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved" (Acts 11:14).

As far as I know, Cornelius had no Bible, no Old Testament Scriptures; yet with what light he had, he sought God. As far as we know, he had never heard the preaching

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# WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

(NOTE: We are happy to publish honest reports of blessed revivals from trustworthy evangelists and churches. However, if you send us your report for publication, PLEASE give exact statistics, as far as possible, concerning conversions, rededications additions, etc., or we may not print it. We especially appreciate reports from pastors and chairmen of union campaigns.)

Rev. Richard M. Kidd, pastor of the Turnpike Baptist Church in Hungerford, Pennsylvania, reports a good meeting with **EVANGELIST JIMMIE THRELFALL**, 196 Loberta Lane, Pontiac, Michigan, in December. This is the second time the evangelist had been in this church. There were 6 professions of faith, several rededications, and some definite answers to prayer. During the meeting a new record Sunday school attendance was reached. The pastor recommends Evangelist Threlfall as being an excellent evangelist for the local church.

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**EVANGELIST JACK VAN IMPE**, 14 Gage Street, Pontiac 16, Michigan, recently held a five-day meeting in the Rudyard Gospel Tabernacle, Rudyard, Michigan, where Rev. LeRoy Case is pastor. During the meeting there were 15 first-time decisions for Christ, and 21 decisions for restoration and consecration. Pastor Case highly recommends Evangelist Van Impe, both for his preaching power and for his ministry of music.

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**EVANGELIST PHIL SHULER**, 1395 Michillinda, Pasadena 8, California, held a two-week meeting January 5-19 in the Fundamental Union Church of Pioche, Nevada, where Rev. Norman M. Sorenson is pastor. Pioche is a mining camp region almost 75% Mormon. During the two weeks about 150 unsaved people attended the meetings and 35 responded to the invitation to trust Christ. There were 15 rededications of life.

A good word has come to us from **EVANGELIST FRANK HARPELL** of 600 Tremont Temple, Boston 8, Massachusetts. He has recently concluded four good meetings in New England. Rev. P. Bishop Covell of First Baptist Church in Peabody, Massachusetts, reports that during a one-week meeting with the Harpells there were 14 people who accepted Christ and many others who rededicated their lives to Him. He especially recommends Brother Harpell's daily visitation work.

Rev. Kenneth L. Foss, pastor of the Clinton Baptist Church in Clinton, Maine, tells of the real deepening among Christians during a two-week meeting with the Harpells. There were also a number of decisions, both for salvation and rededication. Brother Harpell was also with Rev. Charles F. Frederick in the First Baptist Church of Westbrook, Maine, for a brief revival. Rev. Charles Frederick highly recommends Brother Harpell for his authentic evangelistic gift and faithfulness to the Word.

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Two good recommendations have come regarding **EVANGELIST CLYDE CHILES, JR.**, of 9901 Juengel Drive, St. Louis 23, Missouri. Rev. Lee Lawler, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Decatur, Illinois, writes: "Without hesitation the pastor and people of the Calvary Baptist Church recommend Brother Clyde Chiles, Jr., to any church seeking an evangelist. He is sound, both in preaching and practice. His messages appeal to all ages and especially to youth."

Also H. E. McCollum, pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, Coffeen, Illinois, writes: "I have observed Brother Clyde Chiles in his evangelistic labors, and commend him on his orthodoxy, pulpit ability, leadership of youth, ability as song

leader and for his personal labors through visitation while on the field. We commend him as logical, sound in method and word, zealous and aggressive."

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**EVANGELIST TOM BERRY** of 16 School Street, Brownsburg, Indiana, writes to tell us of God's blessing during his first year and two months of revival work. During this time he has been in 16 revival campaigns and 3 Bible conferences. The following are reports of his last three meetings. At Friendship Baptist Church in Hazlewood, Indiana, where Hartsel Wilhite is pastor, there were 18 first-time decisions for Christ. Guy Dunkin is pastor of the Hope Baptist Church in Indianapolis, where there were 22 decisions for salvation and others for assurance during Evangelist Berry's meeting. At the Berean Camp Chapel near Eminence, Indiana, there were 18 decisions for salvation and many other victories in lives. Brother Berry has some time open in April.

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**EVANGELIST BOB MANDERSON** of Fallston, Maryland, just closed an evangelistic campaign in the Calvary Memorial Church of Hyattsville, Maryland. Pastor Kenneth S. Woodring writes that these were the best meetings he has ever experienced in his 15 years of ministry. In response to much prayer and Brother Manderson's timely, biblical, straightforward, uncompromising messages against sin, there was deep conviction every night which resulted in decisions for salvation or consecration. Pastor Woodring reports that the prayer meeting attendance was increased 60% by the meetings, and the Sunday attendance is up about 50% over the average previous Sunday services.

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**EVANGELIST JOE MILLER**, 110 Maple Avenue, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, writes to tell of a good meeting in January with the Sand Beech Independent Church near Hershey, Pennsylvania, Rev. Harold Hahnlen, pastor. Though the meeting was scheduled for only two weeks, the obvious interest and moving of the Holy Spirit led to go into an extra week. During the three-week meeting there were 6 who trusted Christ, as Saviour and 15 backsliders reclaimed.

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Pastor Dale E. Fisher of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Arcanum, Ohio, reports a blessed meeting under the powerful ministry of **EVANGELIST ROBERT L. SUMNER**, Box 3, Pana, Illinois. During the two-week meeting which closed January 26, there were 20 decisions for salvation. On Sunday, February 2, 26 were baptized into the membership of the church as a direct result of the meetings. Besides the conversions there were a large number of other decisions among Christians. Pastor Fisher highly recommends Evangelist Sumner's ministry.

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**EVANGELIST JIMMY HODGES** recently held a fine meeting with Rev. Lloyd E. Rodman, pastor of the Knobs Baptist Church in Tower Hill, Illinois. During the two weeks there were 11 decisions for salvation, 33 rededications, and 15 who came to join the church. The pastor was overjoyed at these fine results in a small country church.

## ABOUT TO MOVE?

Don't forget to send a change of address to the SWORD, giving your old and new address. Send it 5 weeks in advance, so as not to miss a single copy. If you enclose a label, it will help!

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"What Must I Do to Be Saved?" Booklet Half Price During March

For the month of March only we are offering Dr. Rice's amazing 24-page tract, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" at half price. Ordinarily this little booklet which measures 2 1/4" x 5 1/2" sells for \$2



per hundred copies, plus 15c postage and handling charge. Even at that price it is a real bargain. Now, during Letter Month, we are offering them to you at the special price of \$1 per hundred copies, plus 15c for postage and handling! You will want to be sure and stock up at this special price.

Last year 595 people received Christ by reading "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" and wrote to tell us of their decision. Undoubtedly there were hundreds of others who also found Christ through the booklet but did not take time to write us. This little booklet has had amazing distribution. In English alone over 8 million copies have been printed and altogether 8,565 people have written to tell us they were saved through reading it. Several million copies have also been distributed in more than twenty-two foreign languages. We have only a partial record of those saved through these foreign translations.

This booklet is undoubtedly one of the best soul-winning aids available. Most tracts do not have the way of salvation described completely enough to get a person saved. Other types of tracts have a definite ministry, but the Lord has given such amazing results from "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" that we know it works. The booklet goes completely into the matter of how a person can be saved, using the Philippian jailer in Acts, chapter 16, as the example. Clearly from the Scripture Dr. Rice in this little booklet shows a person how to believe on Christ, how to repent of his sins, and answers the questions about feeling, prayer and salvation, how to get a change of heart, and about public professions.

If you have never seen this little booklet, you will be amazed at how clear and plain the way of salvation is made. At the end of the booklet there is a decision form which a person may fill in to indicate his decision to be saved.

Every Christian ought to have some of these little tracts near the door of their home so that visitors, salesmen, and other folk can be given a copy when they come to the door. You might also want to keep a number of them in the glove compartment of your car to have them handy to give to filling station attendants or others whom you meet while in the car. Businessmen might keep some handy in the desk to pass out to those with whom they come in contact during the day. And everyone ought to keep some copies handy in purse or pocket to use as God opens the opportunity to speak to someone about Christ.

Actually we are offering these tracts during Letter Month at almost exactly what it costs us to have them printed. We offer them not to make money but with the sincere desire to get people saved and help you to be a soul winner. Many new friends have never seen the tract and will want to get their first copies in this way. We trust that many who

**Noteworthy NEWS Notes****Guatemalan Children Film Released**

Vision, Inc., Spokane, Washington, is currently releasing a new film title, "The Children of Guatemala."

Photographed and produced by Clay and Mary Helen Cooper, the trademarked "Tell-a-Vision" film is the first of a series of thirteen "Children of Many Lands" films to be tailored especially for the TV industry and for the American Sunday school market. The twenty-seven minute dramatic documentaries are produced open ended to accommodate commercial sponsorship as well. They are to be offered to the nation's television stations on a sustaining basis and to the Sunday school classroom on a minimum rental basis.

Inquiries should be sent direct to Vision, Incorporated, P. O. Box 1, Spokane, Washington.

**B.J.U. Expands Radio Technical Course**

Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., president of Bob Jones University, has announced that the curriculum of the Department of Radio and Television will be expanded next fall to include a concentration in broadcast engineering.

The program of study is designed primarily to help fill the demand for trained technicians for missionary radio stations and Christian broadcasters in the United States; but it will also be of great value to prospective missionary candidates, many of whom will often be isolated from civilization except for short-wave radio communications.

For a number of years Bob Jones University has offered the bachelor of arts degree in radio-television, with concentrations in speech or production, and the master's degree in production-directing. Although some technical courses have been available to students majoring in radio-television, this year the broadcast engineering concentration is being added for students who prefer to specialize in the technical aspect of the industry.

Included in the new program will be courses in the maintenance and repair of AM and FM transmitters and receivers, and operation and servicing of all types of studio equipment such as control consoles, microphones, tape recorders, disc lathes, and special-effects devices.

A sufficient amount of radio and television theory will be included on the undergraduate level to qualify the student to meet the requirements of the Federal Communications Commission for a first class radio-telephone operator's license.

**Twentieth Anniversary of Friends of Israel**

During March The Friends of Israel Missionary and Relief Society of Philadelphia is celebrating its twentieth anniversary. During the twenty years of the Society's service, Christian friends have contributed more than a million dollars, all of which has been used for missionary and relief activities.

In addition to this, clothing and other essentials have been contributed to the value of some \$500,000. This Society also publishes a quarterly magazine, *Israel My Glory*.

The president of the Friends of Israel Missionary and Relief Society is Judge Edward G. Griffiths, and the general secretary is Rev. Victor Buksbazan. Headquarters are in Philadelphia and the work is directed by a group of prominent Christian laymen and ministers.

have never used "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" will learn to love it and keep a regular supply on hand throughout the year.

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**A Gospel Team of Servicemen**

From Leslie D. Gentry, Gunner's Mate School, Building 521, US Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois, we have a nice letter telling of a gospel team including six servicemen and one service woman who go for special services. They are available within one hundred miles' radius of Chicago. He says, "All the team members are fundamental Bible-believing Christians, who do not mention denomination, but talk of Christ and His crucified." He says, "We expect no money or donations of any sort." Young people's meetings, could you use these?

**Peale's Advice to Burlesque Chorus Girl**

Dr. Norman Peale, famous founder of the new "power-of-positive-thinking" brand of religion, writes a regular question and answer column in *Look* magazine. On page 63 of the February 4, 1958, issue, he gives the following advice to a chorus girl in a burlesque theater:

**Question:** I have been a regular church worker for several years, and I love it. Recently, I have taken a job as a chorus girl in a burlesque theater. I am not a stripper; I wear long gowns in the chorus. Do you think I should give up attending church while I am on this job?

**Answer:** No, don't stop attending church. While yours is perhaps not the most propitious occupation for spiritual development, try to make it a demonstration of Christian living. Our function as church members is to raise standards by transmitting vital religion wherever we are.

An interesting side light on this ridiculous advice is that Dr. Norman Vincent Peale was one of the prominent backers of the Billy Graham Crusade in New York City. He publicly led in prayer during the meetings and was very favorably quoted by Dr. Graham. *Christian Life* magazine for September, 1957, reports that the Marble Collegiate Church of New York City, where Dr. Peale is pastor, received the largest number of converts from the Crusade. Imagine how wisely these converts are going to be instructed in soul winning and holy living! Based on the above quotation, it seems that Dr. Peale could logically suggest that these new converts find a place of real service for the Lord in operating or working in night clubs, taverns, bars, and honky-tonks of all sorts. This whole idea is utterly foreign to the teachings of the Lord God who said, "Be ye holy; for I am holy" (I Peter 1:16).

News comes from the West Coast that Dr. Peale addressed the annual dinner of the Council of Churches in San Francisco on February 14 at Civic Auditorium. He undoubtedly "beat the drum" for the Billy Graham San Francisco crusade which is to begin in April. This crusade is being sponsored by the apostolic Council of Churches group.

**Letting the Lord Love Her**

An old Scotch woman who was alone for the greater part of the day was asked, "What do you do during the day?" "Well," she said, "I get my hymnbook, and I have a little hymn of praise to the Lord." Then she added, "I get my Bible and let the Lord speak to me. When I am tired of reading, and I cannot sing any more, I just sit still and let the Lord love me."

—Moody Monthly

**INCIDENTS and Illustrations**

By Evangelist Robert L. Sumner  
Contributing Editor

**Murder at the Movies**

The sadism which Hollywood delights in presenting to young impressionable minds is startlingly confessed by the famous star, Dan Duryea, who revealed his box score as a movie menace in the words: "I killed 37 women, 57 men, beat up 83 men, 45 women, and attempted homicide on 19 women who got away." Parents who permit their children to attend the theater may find it a little difficult endeavoring to teach them that the meek shall inherit the earth" (Matt. 5:5) in the light of Duryea's meteoric rise to the heights of success in fame, fortune and wealth through such brutal sadism.

**Graceful Speech, Seasoned With Salt**

Perhaps it would be profitable to call attention to the recent revision of the house code of behavior voted by members of Australia's House of Representatives. They decided to forbid further reference to each other by such names as: *asinine, blood drinker, cad, cur, gas bag, ignoramus, lap-dog, mendacious mongrel, miserable body snatcher, rat, sewer rat, and slimy reptile!* This crippling of their vocabulary undoubtedly will give them a much more peaceful atmosphere in which to work.

It might not be a bad idea if some churches incorporated the same resolution in their constitution and by-laws! Remember that we have been instructed by our Lord, "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man" (Col. 4:6). Ephesians 4:29-32 expresses it, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

"Put not your trust in money, but put your money in trust."—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

**Funnies Aren't Funny**

Much has been said in recent days about the evil of crime and horror comic books, but a feature writer in the *Los Angeles Times* calls attention to two important

factors often overlooked which increase the corrupting influence of the "funnies." These factors were listed by Mary Lou Downer as (1) The emphasis on condemning crime as the subject matter leaves the impression that comics dealing with subjects other than crime, such as the animal-cartoon type and the comic-classics, are harmless; (2) The comforting assurance that no normal, well-adjusted child will be influenced adversely by reading comics. She states that nothing could be farther from the truth.

Mrs. Downer declares: "Comic books, whatever their subject matter, do a great deal of harm. The writing is mediocre, often downright illiterate. The drawings are usually poor and the colors garish. Constant exposure to such inferior literature is bound to create an insensitivity to good writing. Children who read comic books exclusively are handicapped in their school work...if you have been lulled into believing the comic versions of the classics have much to offer, get a copy of the originals and read them. It isn't the plot that makes a great book. It is the use of the language—the words of description, the flow and rhythm of the prose, the penetrating insight of a brilliant mind. To strip a book of all but the plot is to look at a skeleton and say, 'This is a man.'"

A word of caution should be added also relative to the "love comics" which are especially popular with teen-age girls. The majority of these are unfit for adult consumption, to say nothing of the damage they do to the juvenile mind. They are simply "true confession," "true romance," and "true love" magazines in picture book form and the suggestiveness in them is enough to make a house madam blush with shame.

Parents are responsible for what their children read! Make certain that *your* children read nothing but the finest in Christian and secular literature. The exhortation to "give attendance to reading" (I Tim. 4:13) is surely limited to things true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report (Phil. 4:8).

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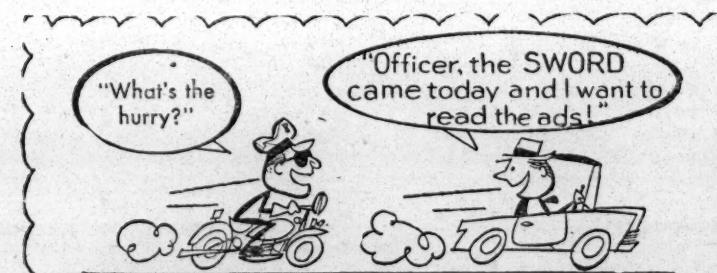
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## Silent Christians

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horny, plain things about Christian men's obligation to speech, and the sin of their silence. My remarks will have no special reference to any particular forms of Christian activity, but if I succeed in impressing on any a deeper sense of duty in reference to declaring the Gospel than they possess, then all forms of it will be prosecuted with greater vigor and consecration.

### I. The Remarkable Fact of Silent Christians

I wish first to dwell for a moment on that—I was going to use a plain word and say—*hideous*; I will substitute a milder term, and say—*remarkable*, fact of Christian silence.

I take this congregation as a fair average representative of the ordinary habitudes of professing Christians of this generation. How many men and women there are sitting in these pews, who, if I asked them the question, would say that they were Christians? and what proportion of these, if I asked them the further question, "Did you ever tell anybody anything about Jesus Christ?" would say, "No, never!" I know this, that in regard to all the recognized and associated forms of Christian work which cluster round a Christian congregation, it is the same handful of people that do them all.

It is just like the bits of glass in a kaleidoscope, there are not many of them though you can shake them up into a great number of patterns, but they are always the very same bits. So I could go through pew after pew, if it would not be very personal, and find men and women, one after another—rows of them—that, so far as any of the united work of a church goes, are absolutely idle. They are worthy kind of people, too, with some real religion in them; but yet, partly from shyness, partly from indifference, partly because (as they think) they have so much else to do, and for a number of other reasons that I do not need to dwell upon, they fall into the great army of idlers, and are just so much dead weight and surplusage, as far as the work of the church is concerned.

Now I do not mean to say that, because professing Christian people do not work in any recognized forms of Christian service which are attached to a congregation, therefore they are not doing anything. God forbid! There are many of you, for instance, mothers of families, whose best service is to

speak about Jesus Christ to your children, and to live according as you speak, and that is work enough for you. There are many more of us, who, for various legitimate reasons, are precluded from taking part in organized forms of Christian service. Do not so fatally misunderstand me as to suppose that I am merely beating a drum to get recruits for societies.

What I want to impress upon every Christian person listening to me now is simply this, the anomaly of the fact, if it be a fact, that you are a *dumb* Christian. You can all speak, if you will; you all have people with whom your speech is weighty and powerful. There are doors open before each of you. Ask yourselves, have you gone in at the open doors? or is it true about you that you have never felt the obligation to make your Master known to others, or, at all events, have never felt it so strongly that it compelled you to obey? The strange fact of Christian silence is one that I emphasize to begin with.

### II. The Sin of This Silence

Let me say a word next about the sin of silence.

These four poor lepers had not had much kindness dealt out to them in their lives, and they might have been pardoned if in their moment of joy they had remained in the isolation to which they had been condemned by reason of their disease. But they think to themselves of the hollow eyes in Samaria there, and the hideous meals, that might stay hunger but brought no nourishment, and of the king with sackcloth beneath his royal robes, and, forgetting everything but their abundance and these people's empty stomachs, they say, "Not thus must we do," as the Hebrew might be translated, "This is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace; and that is a sin. And if we continue dumb, then before morning some kind of punishment will come down upon us."

Now, let me put what I have to say on this matter into two sentences.

First of all, I say that such silence is inhuman. You would all recognize that in the case of an actual, literal, instead of a metaphorical, famine. What would you say about a man who contented himself with sitting in his own back room, where nobody could see his abundance, and feasting to the full, whilst his fellow-citizens were dying of starvation? Why! you would say he was a brute. And if Christian people believed as thoroughly that men and women without 'the Bread of God which comes down from Heaven' were starving and dying of hunger, as they believe that men without literal bread must die, there would not be so many dumb ones amongst them; and they would feel more distinctly than any of us feel now, the responsibility that is laid upon them, and the inhumanity of the sin.

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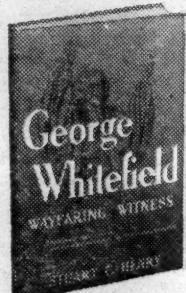
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**Heavenly Blessings at Winston-Salem and Wilson, North Carolina**

I have just been through eight days of blessing, Sunday through Wednesday at Winston-Salem, Thursday through Sunday at Wilson, North Carolina. By long-distance telephone last Wednesday I gave a brief report for last week's SWORD of the Winston-Salem conference. That night closed four blessed days. At Piedmont Bible College most of the student body, mature and serious young men and women, pledged themselves to begin at once a life of soul winning based on Psalm 126:6. They were to work at soul winning, going after sinners. They were to plead with God for compassion and a broken heart over sinners. They were to use the Word of God.

The evening services started at 6:45. The first hour would include a congregational hymn, special music, and a 45-minute message. The building was filled fifteen minutes ahead of time. Tuesday night I saw fourteen standing throughout the service by one side wall, some fifteen at the other side. The vestibule was full of men and women standing for more than three hours! Monday night I sat on the floor to let an older preacher have my seat. Several sat in the empty baptistery and some sat on the edge of the platform, but some were turned away, returning home, not able to get in!

Wednesday night I preached on "God Hath Chosen the Weak," and between fifteen and twenty who felt that God had called them to preach or into full-time service publicly surrendered to that call. Then Pastor Paul Raker of Faith Baptist Tabernacle took me and Dr. Elmer Piper, song leader, away to Wilson, fours hours' drive away, while Dr. Bob Jones spoke in the second service and Pastor Elmo Renegar of Urban Street Baptist Church presided and helped in the invitation.

There were some blessed decisions including four people saved in Dr. Bob's closing message. One woman saved is an active Lutheran Sunday school teacher. Then Brother Renegar brought Dr. Bob Jones the next morning to Wilson.

We rejoice in the great blessing of God at Winston-Salem with pastors and Christian workers from Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Arkansas, as well as the Carolinas, and beyond. Dr. Bob Jones and Dr. Lee Roberson were at their Spirit-filled best. Dr. Piper sang with great power and blessing to all our hearts.

**Wilson: Larger Crowds With Many Saved**

Morning meetings at Wilson were held at the First Freewill Baptist Church, the evening services in the Wilson Armory. There were larger crowds in Wilson. Speakers included Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., my brother, Dr. Bill Rice, and this unworthy editor. Rev. Ellis Zehr, soloist who works with Dr. Bill Rice, helped Dr. Elmer Piper in the music.

One of the blessed features of the conference at Wilson was the way people took to heart the stress on soul winning and revival. Dr. Bill Rice had 22 saved in his service at the T.B. sanitarium. It was my joy to see 12 claim Christ Sunday morning in the First Freewill Baptist Church. Dr. Bob Jones won the elevator girl and another person to whom he witnessed in the hotel, and there were a good many who made various important decisions in his services. I think I never felt stronger the power and blessing of God than on Friday night when the last of sixty men promised God and Dr. Bob Jones that they would start family altars, and many others acknowledged some sin in their lives which they now forsook. Some lost men, I trust, turned to Christ as Savoir.

It was a joy to talk to a lost man who came to a morning service. I believe he was saved. Two colored boys came to help Dr. Bill Rice when his car got stuck on

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An indication of the blessing is in the great number of preachers who attended. Groups of preachers asked us to plan for similar conferences on revival and soul winning sponsored by THE SWORD OF THE LORD in Goldsboro, Rocky Mount, and Salisbury, North Carolina, in Portsmouth and Richmond, Virginia, besides insistence we should return to Winston-Salem and Wilson next year.

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#### Other Coming Engagements of the Editor

The editor's speaking engagements, besides the three conferences mentioned above, for the spring and summer are as follows:

- March 6, 7, Thursday night and all day Friday, at Temple Baptist Church, 612 Flora Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, Rev. Clyde Martin, pastor. This will be a fellowship meeting with as many preachers and Christian workers coming in as can be secured.
- March 10-16, Callender Memorial Baptist Church, Rev. W. O. H. Garman, pastor, Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania (suburb of Pittsburgh).
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mainly in order that there may be scope for brotherly impartation to the needy, of the gifts that each possesses. And He has given to each of us something or other which, by the very terms of the gift and the purpose of the bequest, we are bound to impart to others. The meaning of our being born into the brotherhood of humanity is that God's grace, in some shape or other, may fructify through us to all; and I say that the man who possesses any kind of gift, and, especially, God's highest gifts of wisdom and of knowledge, and most of all, the highest gift of spiritual knowledge and moral and religious truth, and keeps them to himself, in his idleness is sinfully active, and in his selfishness is inhuman and cruel.

The very constitution of humanity says to us that "we do not well," if in the "day of good tidings" of any sort "we hold our peace." The possession of mere physical or abstract truth does not turn its possessors into its apostles, but the possession of moral and spiritual truth does. We are, every one of us, responsible for all the eyes which we could have opened and which are still dark, and for every soul that gropes in ignorance, if we possess something that would enlighten its darkness.

But then, further, let me say that this sin of silence is in sheer contradiction of every principle of

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## Silent Christians

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Christianity. Why has God given you His grace, do you suppose? For what purpose comes it that you are Christians? Were you converted that you might go by yourselves into a solitary Heaven, do you think? Are you important enough to be an ultimate end of God's mercy? Or are you indeed an end, but only that in your turn you might be a means of transmitting? Does the electric influence terminate when it reaches you, or is it turned on to you that from you it may be passed to others?

The very purpose of the existence of a Christian church is countervailed and thwarted by dumb Christians. We nonconformists can talk abundantly when ecclesiastical assumptions have to be fought against, about the priesthood of all believers. Very well, if that principle is a true one—and it is a true one—it has other applications than simply controversial, and is meant for other uses than simply that you should brandish it in the face of sacerdotal claims and priest-ridden churches. "Ye are all priests," that is to say, the meaning of the existence of a Christian church is to raise up a cloud of witnesses, and make every lip vocal with the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

And you, dear brethren, you, the idlers of a church and congregation, are doing all that you can to thwart the divine purpose, and to destroy the very meaning of the existence of the church to which you belong.

And let me remind you, too, that such silence is clearly contrary to all Christian principle, inasmuch as one main purpose of the Gospel being given us is to shift our center from ourselves, first to Christ, and then, if I may so say, to others. The very thing from which Christianity is meant to deliver us is the very thing that these idle, silent believers are indulging in, namely, the possession of God's gifts for their own profit and enjoyment. What is the use of your saying that you are Christian people if, in your very religion, you are practicing the very vice that Jesus Christ has come to destroy?

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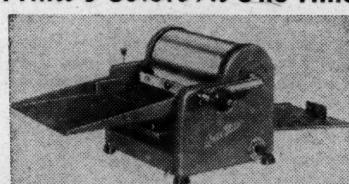
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Selfishness is the opposite, the formal contradiction, of Christianity, and in the measure in which your religion is self-regarding, it is no religion at all. You are doing your best to counterwork the very main purpose of the Gospel upon yourselves, when in silence you possess, or fancy that you possess, the gift of His love.

And then, still further, let me remind you that this absolutely unchristian character of silence is manifested, if you consider that the end of the Gospel for each of us is to bring us into full and happy sympathy with Christ, and likeness to Him. And how is that purpose being effected in His professed "followers," if they know nothing of the experience of looking on the world with Christ's eyes, or of the thrill of pity caught from Him, and have no sympathy with, in the sense of any reflected experience of, the sense of obligation to help the helpless which nailed Him to the cross? We say that we are followers of one who "so loved the world" that He died for it; we say that we long to be transformed into His likeness, and yet we put away from ourselves the spirit that regards our brethren as He regarded us all; and never dream of copying, howsoever feebly in our lives and efforts, the pattern that was set before us in His death.

O dear brethren! "If a man see his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion against him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" And if a Christian looks upon a world without Christ, and has only a tepid sympathy and a faint realization of the misery, and never does anything to lighten it by a grain, how can he pretend that he takes Jesus Christ for his pattern and example? Silence is manifestly a sin by reason of its inhumanity, and its contrariety to every principle of the Gospel.

### III. God's Punishment on Sinful Silence

Now, still further, let me point you to the retribution on silence.

These four men, no doubt, had some superstitious idea that mischief might come to them in the darkness. But they expressed a truth when they said, "If we be silent, some evil"—or, as the word might be translated, "some punishment will find us." I desire to lay this on your hearts, dear brethren, that like all other selfish things, the silence of the Christian does him harm instead of good.

For instance, if you want to learn anything, set yourself to teach it. In trying to spread the name of Jesus Christ by your own personal effort, you will get a firmer hold on the truths that you attempt to impress upon others. I do not know any better cure for a great deal of unwholesome and superfluous speculation than to go into the slums and see what it is that tells there. That is a test of what is central and what is surface, in Christianity.

I do not know any better discipline for a man whose religion is suffering from too much leisure and curiosity than to take a course of evangelistic work. He will find out then where the power is, and a great many cobwebs will be blown away. Be sure of this, that convictions unspoken, like plants grown in a cellar, will get very white in the stems, and will bear no fruit.

Be sure of this, that a religion which is dumb will very soon tend to lose its possession of the truth, and if you carry that great gift hid away in your heart it will be like locking up some singing-bird in a box. When you come to open it, the bird will be dead. There are, I have no doubt, many whom I am now addressing whose religion has all but, if not entirely, ebbed away from them, mainly because they have all their days been dumb Christians. That is one part of the punishment.

And another part is that silence is avenged by the dying out of the sympathies which inspire speech. It is the punishment of the selfish man that he becomes more selfish. It is the punishment of the heart, which never expanded in

sympathy, that its walls shrivel and contract, until there is scarce blood enough between them to be impelled through the veins. Feelings which it is joy and nobleness to possess are nurtured and strengthened by expression; and the silent Christian is punished by becoming at last utterly indifferent to the woes of the world and to the spread of the Gospel. I think I could lay my finger, if I dared, on some of my audience who have got perilously near to that point.

And then again let me remind you that there is another form of the punishment, and that is the loss of all the blessed experience of the reaper's joy; and let me point you in a sentence to the final time of retribution. There shall stand in that last day, as Scripture teaches us, humble workers before the throne who will say, "Behold! I, and the children whom thou hast given me." And there will stand some before the throne, solitary; and I wonder if they will not feel lonely when they go into Heaven, and find not a soul there to look them in the eyes and say, "Thou didst lead me to the Christ, and I am here to welcome thee." "He that soweth and he that reaps shall rejoice together." Do you not think that then there will steal a shadow of shame across the spirit of the servant who stood idle in the market place all the day with the wretched excuse, "No man hath hired me," when the Master had hired him beforehand, and given him such wages in advance?

O dear brethren! the cure for silence is to keep near that Master, and to drink in His Spirit; and then, as I beseech you to do, think, think of your obligations in the light of the cross until you can say, "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints is this grace given," not this burden imposed, "That I, even I, should preach" the name that is above every name. "Open thou my lips, and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise."

— THE END —

### Another Year ✓

Another year!  
How swiftly do they pass  
Into the yesterdays.  
No need to try to bring them back,  
Or grieve o'er much the bitter lack  
Of growth in virtue's ways.

Another year!  
The Past—beyond recall—  
Has brought its lessons stern.  
And on before us lies the way  
To greater things—a brighter day,  
If we did aptly learn.

Another year!  
With pages white and clean.  
Each day a record page  
On which to write a deed well done,  
Some battle fought, and victory won,  
And growth in grace, with age.

Another year!  
In which to strive and win;  
In which to live anew.  
"Forgetting that which is behind"—  
Saving the lesson brought to mind—  
That we may better do.

Another year!  
With much to dare and do—  
If Jesus tarries still:  
Great mountain peaks ahead to climb;  
Dear souls to win, while there is time;  
And conquest, if we will.

Another year!  
What shall it mean to me—  
The days and weeks before?  
Perhaps some glist'ning tears to shed,  
A cross to bear, as on I'm led;  
The Father knows what more.

Another year!  
I cannot see the path,  
But I shall take the way.  
When its tomorrows all shall flee  
Into the yesterdays, I'll be  
Near the "Perfect Day."

—Unknown.

## . . . Salvation Made Plain

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sophistry, or impress them with finespun phrases. Much of the Master's message is made up of little words. His messages come to us in monosyllables. Here are some words He often used: *light, love, life, joy, rest, peace*. These, and many more, are monosyllables. He comes down where men live and speaks in language all men understand. He says, "I am the *bread of life*," not the cake or the dessert, the salad or the seasoning. Even little children know the value of bread. He says, "I am the *water of life*," not the wine or the liquor. You see, the Saviour is a staple, not a stimulant. He is every man's dire necessity. He is the fundamental need. Again He said, "I am the *door*." Christ is as necessary as the bread for your stomach and the door to your dwelling. You must not, you cannot dare to try to live without Him.

"I need Thee every hour,  
In joy or pain;  
Come quickly and abide,  
Or life is vain."

So I am talking to you in the simplest possible way about salvation, about how to be saved. Those of you who are saved, and some of you were saved long ago, won't mind. You will be glad because the old story is forever new. The hymn expresses our reactions.

"Those who know it best,  
Are hungering, and thirsting,  
To hear it like the rest."

That is the very glory of the Gospel. We never weary of it. We never get bored by it. People who have been saved for years still joyfully sing,

"Tell me the old, old story,  
Of Jesus and His love."

NOW for some simple and deliberate steps.

Will you say with the Philippians jailer, "What must I do to be saved?" Right at the outset someone says, "What do you mean by being saved?" Let us try and tell you something that is in that wonderful word "saved." Don't shrink from it. Don't be ashamed of it. It is frowned upon in some so-called select, religious circles. It is God's Word. It is the Bible word whether you like it or not. I have been saved. You must be saved. "Neither is there SALVATION in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Just what do we mean by salvation? That is a fair question. What does it mean to be saved? Even many believers have a small and limited view of salvation. It is a big theme. There is no end to it. It covers acres of ground. It is not just to know our sins

are forgiven and we are on our way to Heaven. Thank God it is that. It does mean that, but, it means much more. There is really no end to it. There is no finale.

Some years ago I was in the sitting room of the China Inland Mission Home in Toronto. On the wall, across the room from where I sat, was hanging a large picture of Niagara Falls. From across the room I could see a small brass plate was attached to the bottom of the frame. My curiosity was aroused. I surmised it might bear the name of the donor. But when I drew close I read this inscription, "Still There's More to Follow."

Salvation is like that. It flows on and on, fuller and fuller. The blessing abides and the bounties increase. "Still there's more to follow." Salvation means PARADON for the polluted PAST, PEACE and power for the PRESENT, precious PROMISES for the FUTURE. Being saved is no small thing.

Bishop Moule, the great theologian, was once on a Saturday night walking along the main street of Edinburgh, Scotland, called Princess Street. The Salvation Army was having an open air meeting. Out for a walk and in ordinary clothes on a Saturday night, he was not recognized as a bishop. A Salvation Army lassie came as she was doing personal work and rather shyly she said to him, "Are you saved, sir?"

Bishop Moule looked at her kindly, and with a bit of a twinkle in his eye, said, "Just what do you mean? Do you ask, 'Am I saved?' 'Am I being saved?' or 'Am I going to be saved'?"

The lassie was a little startled and confused. Then Bishop Moule revealed his identity and told the girl something of the breadth and length, the height and depth, of the grace of God in Christ Jesus.

Salvation means much more than most of us can imagine. It certainly means

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Here we face the most fundamental need of all of us. Blessed be God! salvation does deal only with the sin question and the pollution problem. The first prerequisite of being saved is to know yourself as a sinner. All of us are sinners. "There is none that doeth good, no NOT ONE" (Rom. 3:12).

That is the divine verdict: "ALL have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way" (Isa. 53:6). Job cried out, "How many are mine iniquities and sins?" (Job 13:23). David cried, "For innumerable evils have compassed me about:

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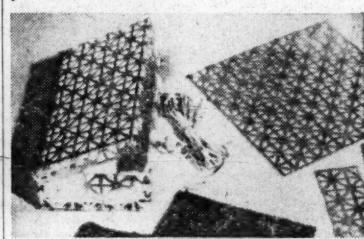
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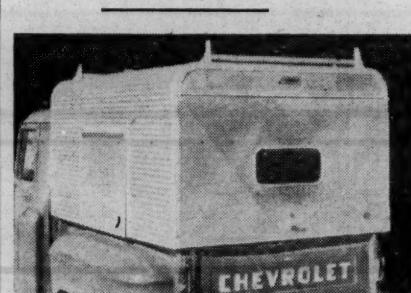
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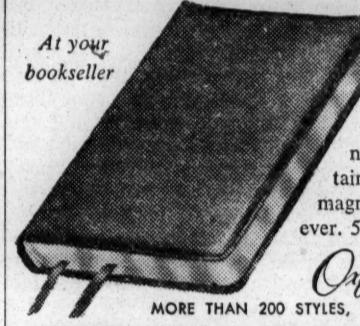
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## ... Salvation Made Plain

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mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me" (Ps. 40:12).

Have you ever thought of the magnitude and the multiplicity of human, personal transgression? Sin is sordid and subtle. It is satanic and serious. Sin is calamitous and cancerous. It is dangerous and vicious. It makes great and gaping wounds in heart and home. It rips viciously into family relationships. It goes deep and it plays havoc. There are hangovers, not only the morning after the night before, but for several generations. The chickens come home to roost. Sin is cruel and inveterate, it is old and tough and terrible. It imposes bondage and it pays wages.

In Jesus Christ and the Gospel we have SALVATION FROM ALL THESE PAINS OF THE PAST. God knows, and so do we all, that we need just that. Our past is like a nightmare. It follows us like a big black shadow in the night. It tracks our every footstep like a hound from Hell. It rises, like an evil hand in the night, to torment and terrorize us. Memory haunts and judgment threatens.

They tell us that there is a skeleton in every family closet. We know by experience that the trite saying is true. If we are quiet at midnight when the winds are sobbing and sighing in the tree tops and blowing in through the open window, we can hear the rattle of its bones. We surely need something, nay Someone, to cleanse the stains and heal the hurts of yesterday.

"Trust me, no torture that the powers name, Can match the fierce, unutterable pain, He feels; Who night and day, devoid of rest, Carries his own accuser in his breast."

When thinking of the sickening and sombre shadow of sin of yesterday, and longing for a new tomorrow, have you never said:

"I wish there were some wonderful place, Called the land of beginning again; Where all our mistakes, and all our heart-aches And all of our poor selfish grief, Could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door, And never put on any more."

The Gospel assures us that there is such a place. It is the place called CALVARY. That is the glory and grandeur of it all. We can be rid of the skeleton of sin at one stroke. "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7).

"There is a fountain filled with blood, Drawn from Immanuel's veins; And sinners plunged beneath that flood, LOSE ALL THEIR GUILTY STAINS."

There was a little factory girl who worked in a mill in Ireland. Some of her fellow-workers were Christians and they had tried to win her for Christ. But she was sinful and she was stubborn. She refused to yield. Under conviction of sin she became ill and wasted in body. Her friends took pity on her and took up a collection to send her to the seaside for a few days. Before she left they gave her some texts and trusted some of them might search her soul. She stood on the steps of Giant's Causeway and looked out on the rolling tide for the first time in her life. That is always an unforgettable experience. As she stood on the rocky cliffs and listened to the sobbing of the sea, she remembered one of the texts they had given her. It was from the book of Micah, "And thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea" (Micah 7:19).

Suddenly her heart was broken and her will was yielded. She said, "Lord, I believe that You will do that for me." And He did! He did! She felt that she almost heard the splash as her sins were gone and her load lifted. When she returned home her friends were delighted to know she was

saved. She must have possessed the gift of a poetess for she wrote out of her own spiritual experience:

I will cast all thy sins in the depths of the sea,  
All thy sins and transgressions, whatever they be;  
Though they mount up to Heaven, though they go down to Hell,  
I have buried them there, and above them shall swell;  
All my waves of forgiveness so boundless and free,  
I have cast all thy sins in the depths of the sea.  
  
I have buried them there far away from the shore,  
Where they never may rise up to trouble thee more;  
Where no far-reaching tide, with its pitiless sweep,  
May stir the dark waves of forgetfulness deep.  
I have buried them there where no mortal can see,  
I have cast all thy sins in the depths of the sea."

Thanks be to God that His salvation saves us from the corruption of the past. But Christ does more than that, much more. Salvation starts there but it doesn't end there. That is the commencement but it isn't the conclusion of the matter.

We are saved also

### From the Problems and Perils of the Present

He takes care of my miserable YESTERDAY but He also CARES FOR MY TODAY. Ours is an up-to-date, even more than that, up-to-the-minute salvation. The psalmist says, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble" (Ps. 46:1). He HAS saved me. Blessed be God! He DOES save me. All of us have our tears and troubles, our trials and temptations. These are hectic times, they are difficult days. None of us can breast life's storms alone. Many of you have little ones pulling on your apron strings and a hundred cares tugging at your heart strings. We all need divine help. We need a hiding place, a refuge.

"I need Thee every hour;  
Stay Thou near by:  
Temptations lose their power  
When Thou art nigh.  
  
I need Thee every hour,  
In joy or pain;  
Come quickly and abide,  
Or life is vain."

But there is more than that in being saved. What about tomorrow? Christ takes care of the future, too. In Him there is

### Freedom From the Fear of the Future

"Peace! perfect peace! our future all unknown?  
Jesus we know, and He is on the throne."

We need not tremble at the frightening future or at the thought of eternity.

"I know not where His islands lift,  
Their fronded palms in air;  
I only know I cannot drift,  
Beyond His love and care."

There can be no Black Friday for the child of God. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8:1). Hallelujah! Nothing ahead of which to dread. He HAS saved me. He DOES save me. He WILL save me. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me" (Ps. 23:4). I am no more frightened by that ominous word "forever."

"I hear at morn and even,  
At noon and midnight hour—  
The choral harmonies of Heaven  
Earth's Babel tongues o'erpower—  
That resurrection word,  
That shout of victory,

Once more: forever with the Lord!  
Amen, so let it be."

Yes, my friend, all this AND MUCH MORE is wrapped up in that wonderful word "salvation."

Have I whetted your appetite? Have you now a longing for the Lord? That is the next question. Do you have the desire? Do you want to be saved? The jailer at Philippi earnestly wanted to be saved. Do you? Do you remember the Master at the pool of Bethesda? You can read the story in John's Gospel. There the Master meets a man who for thirty-eight years has been a helpless cripple. Christ says to him, "Wilt thou be made whole?" (John 5:6).

Christ cannot save you against your will. You are not a beast. Beasts cannot be believers. You are more than animal. You are made in the shadow of the Almighty, in the image of God. You are made upright, with the power of volition, the gift of choice. Do you not have the longing to taste these blessings already men-

tioned? Certainly it is all too good to miss. Don't you want to be saved?

In Joshua 24:15 we hear the challenge, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." In answer to the challenge Joshua cries, "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." What do you say? Do you honestly, sincerely, want to be saved? The only reason you haven't been saved before this is because you didn't want to be. If you won't be saved, God cannot help you. He will not trespass your human prerogatives. He will respect your desire. He will not be an unwelcomed guest. He will knock AT your door, but will never knock IN your door. You must open the door and ask Him to come in. He says, "Behold, I stand AT the door and knock: if ANY MAN hear my voice, and OPEN THE DOOR, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Rev. 3:20).

"When Jesus comes in to cleanse you from sin,  
YOU must undo the door."

Your surrender must be personal and deliberate. It must be your very own. God can do everything except one thing. He can give us rain and sunshine, seedtime and harvest. He can paint the petal of a rose or form the lily. He can put the beauties of the rainbow into the breast of a bird or on a butterfly's wing. He can hang the moon on nothing and stud the canopy of Heaven with brilliant stars. He can turn the earth on its axis and put the song into the breast and throat of a lark. At the dawn of a new day He can open the gate of the morning without the creaking of its hinges. He can send an atom swinging into sunshine. He can do all this and millions more. But, God cannot save one boy or girl, man or woman, who refuses His offer of mercy. I have made my choice. I cannot choose for you. We are all the children of our choices. We determine our destiny. Are you saying with the jailer, "Sirs, what must I do to be

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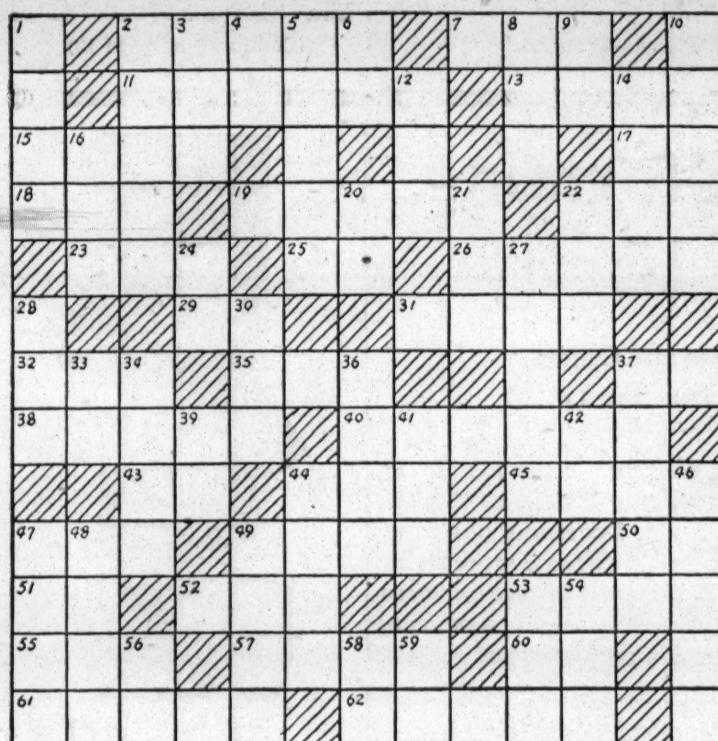
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PUZZLE NO. 9



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### The Flight Into Egypt and Return

Matt. 2

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- 2 and 13 across—" . . . , and . . . the young child."
- 7 See 11 across (first answer).
- 11 and 7 across—"took the young child . . . his mother by . . . (pl. form)"
- 13 See 2 across.
- 15 Ship in which the Argonauts sailed, —r—
- 17 A Benjamite (I Chron. 7)
- 18 "Fulfilled which was spoken of . . . Lord"
- 19 "Herod will seek the . . . child to destroy him."
- 22 Diminutive for Florence
- 23 "From two years . . . and under"
- 25 Transport and supply (abbr.)
- 26 and 40 across—"arose, and took the young . . . and his . . ."
- 29 "That . . . might be fulfilled"
- 31 Set of two
- 32 ". . . in all the coasts thereof"
- 35 "In the room of . . . father Herod"
- 37 "And . . . into the land of Israel"
- 38 "And was . . . until the death of Herod"
- 40 See 26 across.
- 43 Indefinite article
- 44 Writing instrument
- 45 "Sent forth, and . . . all the children"
- 47 "He came . . . dwelt in a city called Nazareth."
- 49 Escape
- 50 Capital of Moab (Num. 21)
- 51 Myself
- 52 Hasten
- 53 "He turned aside . . . the parts of Galilee."
- 55 Industrial Advisory Board (abbr.)
- 57 "And came into the . . . of Israel"
- 60 Month (abbr.)
- 61 "Angel of the Lord appeareth in a . . . to Joseph"
- 62 "And departed into . . ."

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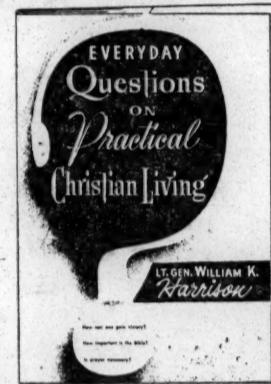
- 1 "When he heard . . . Archelaus did reign in Judaea"
- 2 "The . . . of the Lord appeareth to Joseph"
- 3 River (Spanish)
- 4 Inner Guard (abbr.)
- 5 Hit with a missile
- 6 English Translation (abbr.)
- 8 Normal temperature and pressure (abbr.)
- 9 District Attorney (abbr.)
- 10 "Then . . . when he saw that he was mocked"
- 12 "Out of Egypt have I called my . . ."
- 14 Herod tried to . . . the young child.
- 16 Greek letter
- 20 You and me
- 21 General Claim Agent (abbr.)
- 22 Evergreen tree
- 24 Diameter (abbr.)
- 27 Areas of high barometric pressure
- 28 Occupied a chair
- 30 "Which was spoken by Jeremy . . . prophet"
- 33 A New England state (abbr.)
- 34 "For they are . . . which sought the young child's life"
- 36 Pintail duck
- 37 "Lamentation, and weeping, and . . . mourning"
- 39 Registered Nurse (abbr.)
- 41 Single unit
- 42 Hebrew word for deity
- 44 Entreaty
- 46 Herod "was exceeding . . ."
- 47 Among
- 48 Close
- 49 Thin, slight covering
- 53 A mischievous child
- 54 "And would . . . be comforted"
- 56 "And . . . thou there until bring thee word."
- 58 A compass point (abbr.)
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The answer to Puzzle Number 9

## . . . Salvation Made Plain

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saved?" Will you not come to Him?

"Out of my shameful failure and loss,  
Jesus, I come, Jesus I come;  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,  
Jesus, I come to Thee!  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,  
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress to jubilant psalm,  
Jesus, I COME TO THEE."

If you come, be sure He will receive you. I have no doubts as to the Saviour's willingness. God is now willing. Are you? Christ is longing to give you life. "As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live" (Ezek. 33:11). Peter assures us, "God is not willing that any should perish, BUT that ALL should come to repentance" (II Pet. 3:9). In Timothy, too, we read, "God will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (I Tim. 2:4). So let us be done with all doubts about God's willingness.

May I add also this, He is able to save you. There is no impossible case with Him. Constantly in the New Testament we encounter phrases like this, "whosoever will," "all men," "whosoever believeth."

*Mel Trotter*, probably one of the mightiest mission workers that America ever had, was a drunken derelict before the Lord saved him. He says that he was down so deep he had to reach up to touch bottom. But the Lord saved him and transformed him.

"None who to Jesus came,  
Were ever sent away."

As we come to a conclusion, let us add a word of warning.

### You Must Not Wait for Feeling or Experience

Many sinners mistakenly presume that they must be squeezed into someone else's experience before they can be truly saved. You do not need, you may not have, my experience, but you must have my Saviour.

I was saved in evangelistic meetings in a Methodist church in Toronto. I, a teen-age boy, walked down the aisle and at the front surrendered to the Saviour. But you need not have my experience. There are no more Methodists in Canada now. The building where I was saved has gone. But Christ abides. What He did, has done, and will do for me, He can and will do for you.

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I knew a man who repeatedly in testimony glowingly recited how that the Lord saved him in a coal mine over in the Old Country. The way he told it and emphasized it, one would gain the impression that to be genuinely, soundly saved, you must meet the Master in a coal mine in the Old Country. But lots of people will never get to the Old Country and might find difficulty locating a coal mine. It is Christ who saves.

Did you ever watch Jesus at work winning men? He calls *two publicans*. But they didn't have the same experience when they met the Master. One called Matthew was sitting in his office when Christ came and called. He followed Jesus. Another called Zacchaeus was up a tree and soon climbed down and took the Master home with him. Would Zacchaeus have any right to challenge Matthew and say, "Were you up a tree when Christ called you? I don't believe you are truly saved unless you are up a tree when the Lord comes by." What folly that would be!

Christ helped *two blind men*. Bartimaeus sat by the roadside and called when Christ came. He shouted and made a fuss. With the other Christ made clay of spittle and anointed the man's eyes. Would this man have any right to say to Bartimaeus, "Did you have mud on your eyes? I believe, Bartimaeus, you are still blind. You must have clay on your eyes."

In some cases when the Light of the world shined in, it was quietly, like the dawning of a new day. In the experience of Saul of Tarsus, it was a light brighter than the noonday sun. Our jailer at Philippi had an exciting, tumultuous experience, but everyone isn't awakened by a vivid experience.

"Sometimes with sudden glory,  
He speaks and all is done;  
Without the stroke of battle,  
The victory is won."

And we, with joy beholding,  
Can scarce believe 'tis true;  
That e'en our Kingly Jesus,  
Can make these hearts anew."

Come to Him. Trust Him. Take Him to be your very own. I answer with the apostle, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). To believe is to trust. It means to lean on, to rely on, to have confidence in. He is worthy of your trust. He merits your confidence.

"Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to take Him at His word;  
Just to rest upon His promise;  
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord SHALL BE SAVED" (Rom. 10:13). Come to Him NOW. Call upon Him. Test Him. Try Him. He died on Calvary for you and for me. But He didn't stay dead. The grave could not hold Him. He is alive for evermore.

"But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification," —Rom. 4:24, 25.

This is the glad, good news. This is the Gospel. Come believing. Do not delay. Do it NOW. Does Heaven hear some sinner say:

Jesus, I will trust thee,  
Trust Thee with my soul:  
Guilty, lost, and helpless,  
Thou canst make me whole.  
There is none in Heaven  
Or on earth like Thee;  
Thou hast died for sinners—  
Therefore, Lord, FOR ME.

Jesus, I Do trust Thee,  
Trust Thee without doubt;  
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of the Word; yet he had witness, he had conviction, he had light from God. And God will give further light to every man who follows the light he has. Men do not go to Hell because they never heard the Gospel; they go to Hell because they are sinners, sinners who do not follow what light they do have.

The blessed Holy Spirit is in the world to bring conviction to sinners. We may not always know how and when the blessed Holy Spirit convicts sinners but He does, in some measure and in some method, convict all lost people. For in John 16:8 Jesus told the disciples about the Comforter whom He would send, and said, "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." The blessed Holy Spirit does reprove the whole world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment.

God who, in the Bible, commanded all men to repent, has carried that reproof to the hearts of sinners of the whole world through the Holy Spirit. Christ who died for the world has, by His crucifixion, drawn all men, whether they come to Him or not. Christ is that true Light "which lighteth every man that cometh into the world" (John 1:9).

In fact, when Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, was filled with the Holy Ghost after the birth of his promised son John, he praised God and said that Christ had come to save His people "through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us, To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace" (Luke 1:78, 79).

**III. Dead Sinners Can Repent Because Christ's Command Assures His Enabling**

I heard a hyper-Calvinist a few weeks ago, a famous man, say, "Why tell people to repent who cannot repent? A man cannot repent until he has been regenerated. A lost sinner is dead, and he can do nothing until God makes him alive."

It is true that in a spiritual sense every lost sinner is dead, that is, he does not have everlasting life, the life of salvation. But in the sense of being accountable for his sins, knowing about his sins, having the freedom to choose for God or the Devil, men are not dead. Their minds, their consciences, their powers of choice are not dead. They are dead in trespasses and in sins, and so do not have everlasting life in a spiritual sense, but they can choose.

Do you say that a dead man cannot do anything? Well, by human standards and by human power a dead man can do nothing. But when God commands a sinner to repent, he can repent. And the Scripture plainly says beyond any argument that He is "...not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Pet. 3:9). Heed it carefully. We have the plain Word of God that "the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent" (Acts 17:30). If God commands people to repent, they can. Do you believe God is a crooked God who demands that men repent who cannot repent, and then damns them for not doing what they cannot do?

Can a spiritually dead man repent? Yes, if God tells him to! The truth is that those who are

even physically dead will hear the voice of the Lord Jesus and obey Him. For in John 5:28, 29 Jesus said, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."

When Jesus Christ speaks, a dead man can come out the grave, whether he is saved or lost! And when Jesus Christ speaks, a man dead in trespasses and in sins can repent and if he does not do so, his eternal ruin will be upon his own head!

Jesus was once in the synagogue on the Sabbath day before scornful scribes and Pharisees. Present was a man with a withered hand. We suppose that that drawn and withered hand could not be manipulated. But Jesus said, "Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other" (Luke 6:10). A man whose hand is withered can do anything with it Jesus Christ tells him to do.

Peter, in the name of Christ, took hold of the hand of a lame man who from the day of his birth had never walked and said, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk" (Acts 3:6). And the man who could not walk, yet obeyed, rose, walked, leaped, and praised God! You see, when God gives an order, He gives the power to obey that order. When God commands people to repent, He makes it possible for them to repent. Those who are spiritually dead can hear the voice of the Son of God, and when He commands them to repent, they can repent. For God's Holy Spirit is present to convict, to enlighten, to enable the will.

**IV. God Gives Blessed Invitations to All to Come and Be Saved**

This Bible is full of blessed invitations. All the way from the time in the Garden of Eden when a brokenhearted God runs after Adam calling for him, down to the final promise in the last chapter of the last book in the Bible, God invites people to come and be saved.

How many are the all-inclusive invitations in the Bible! Listen to that Old Testament evangelist, Isaiah: "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else" (Isa. 45:22). Here Isaiah gives God's blessed invitation to "all the ends of the earth" and he follows that invitation to "all the ends of the earth" with a solemn warning that "unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear." If God's Word means what it says, may not all the ends of the earth come and be saved?

Again Isaiah pleads, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price" (Isa. 55:1).

To whom is this sweet invitation? It is to "every one that thirsteth." There is spiritual wine and milk without money and without price. Everyone may come and buy what Christ has already paid for and may eat to the full because the invitation is to "every one that thirsteth."

In the same chapter the Scripture says, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isa. 55:7).

Who here is invited? "The wicked." And who is it that should forsake his thoughts and plans and return to the Lord for mercy? It is "the unrighteous man." Not some few selected persons, not a restricted tribe or race or group, but the wicked and unrighteous are all invited to turn for mercy and pardon!

Joel gives the blessed promise, "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered" (Joel 2:32). And that blessed promise, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved," is repeated twice in the New Testament. It once was given at Pentecost in Acts 2:21. It is

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And a need, all else outweighing,

'Of a place of private praying.'

So each convert chose a corner, Far away from eye of scorner, In the jungle, where he could Pray to God in solitude.

And so often went thither, That the grass would fade and wither,

Where he trod; and you could trace,

By the paths, each prayer place.

If they hear the evil tiding That a brother is backsliding, And that some are even saying, "He no longer cares for pray-

ing"; Then they say to one another, Very soft and gently, "Brother, You'll forgive us now for showing On your path the grass is grow-

ing."

And the erring one, relenting,

Soon is bitterly repenting:

"Ah, how sad I am at knowing

On my path the grass is grow-

ing."

"But it shall be so no longer;

Prayer I need to make me stronger

On my path so oft' I'm going

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repeated again in Romans 10:13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

What a wonderful word is this "whosoever." How blessed that it starts in the Old Testament, that it is repeated in the book of Acts, then repeated again in the book of Romans! Three times God says it, that "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

That "whosoever" must mean whosoever. Anyone can be saved.

In the mind of the Spirit I see an old man, the Apostle John, some ninety years old and more, on the Isle of Patmos, an exile for the faith. And the resurrected Saviour meets John and gives him the messages to the seven churches of Asia Minor. John is commanded to write the words that will close the canon of Scripture. After this no one may add to these words nor take from these words without terrible penalties. But God says to the old saint with a quill pen in his hand, "Wait, John! We must not close the canon of Scripture without another sweet, blessed invitation to sinners."

The aged John stills the trembling fingers of his withered old hand and says, "What shall I write then, Lord Jesus?"

Jesus answers back, "Write it again, that 'the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely'" (Rev. 22:17).

The blessed Holy Spirit says, "Come." From the context we know that the Spirit addresses this word to every person in the world. And everybody who hears it ought to repeat it and say, "Come." And everyone who is thirsty ought to come. And whosoever will, that is, literally everyone who is willing, may take the water of life freely.

Some people think that God gave all these blessed invitations, but that He did not mean just what they say. Of course, they say, everyone is invited but God does not give some people the power to turn to Christ and be saved. They think God has ordained that some should be saved and ordained that others should be lost, and it is only in some figurative and nonliteral sense that all are invited. But what a slanderous reflection that is on the honest intent of God, and what a misrepresentation of the plain language of Scripture!

Some time ago I heard a commercial on television. A company offered a vacuum cleaner for \$9.95! It was factory rebuilt, and was a most wonderful bargain! Nothing like this had ever been offered before! But I learned later from others that the offer of a vacuum cleaner for \$9.95 was simply a "come-on," not genuinely a bona fide offer. When one responded to the television appeal and wrote for a salesman to bring the vacuum cleaner to the house, it turned out that there had been only a few, and these were already gone. However, he had a much more expensive vacuum cleaner, and of course, very, very, very much better, which he would sell for many times the price of the one advertised!

In some cases the salesman actually brought an old machine to sell for \$9.95, but he frankly told the people it was not worth the price, it was used and did not have the necessary attachments, etc. He strongly advised them to buy the more expensive machine, and he happened to have one with him. I learned in these cases the very attractive offer was made simply to get contacts with people to whom the salesman expected to sell a much more expensive machine.

Does any reader think that the dear God who gave His Son to die on Calvary, practices that kind of salesmanship? Do you believe that God said "whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely," but that He had already made it so many could not choose to be saved? Do you believe that God thus uses language which, to all sensible people, appears to be addressed to everybody, but that secretly He meant it only for a selected few, and that the others

He had consigned, before they were born, to the fires of Hell? What a shocking attitude to have toward the wonderfully sweet, pure words of the Lord Jesus!

No, no, this is no "come-on"; this is no selling "gimmick." These blessed invitations are the pure Word of God. God means what He says. Whosoever will may come. The fact that God says "whosoever" means that all can will to come and all must be held accountable if they do not come to Him for mercy and forgiveness and to take the water of life freely.

Some years ago we felt we needed a water softener for our home in Wheaton. One was advertised at a reasonable price. I responded to the ad and a salesman came to call. The water softener which had been advertised so widely and was such a wonderful bargain was really very nice, the salesman said, except that the tank was of ordinary steel. It would rust out in a few months, and he did not advise me to buy it, though, he said, his company made it. But now here, on another circular, he could show me another model with a copper tank which would last indefinitely. Yes, it cost a great deal more, but it was really the best thing for me to buy.

I immediately dismissed the man with scorn. I would listen to no more of his sales talk. It may be that each of the water softeners was worth the money that was asked. But his sales method was insincere and dishonest. I did not choose to deal with that kind of man.

The advertisement had not expressly said that the water softener made of ordinary steel was adequate, but that was the impression given. I do not like to deal with people who make one impression in an advertisement, then when they have a contact and a good prospect of a sale, change their tune and ask for more.

How could I feel toward God, if I should find out that when He said, "whosoever will" He did not mean that, because He had made men so that many of them could not repent if they would? How would I feel toward the Saviour if I found that, though He professed to die for the sins of the whole world, He had already consigned some people to Hell with no chance to repent, no matter how much they wished to do so?

Thank God, the Bible may be taken at face value! We deal with an honest God. The love of God is far greater than the human mind can conceive it. God never overstates His case. When He says, "... whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely," He means whosoever will. And when He says that God is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance," then we know that His dear, tender heart longs to see every sinner saved. Only those who will not come and be saved are lost.

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O the pure delight of a single hour  
That before Thy throne I spend,  
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my  
God,

I commune as friend with friend!  
—Fanny Crosby

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